

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 10, 2010**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, in Room 102 of the office of the Secretary of State at the Professional Licensing Boards Division at 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Sanford, Chair  
Diane Drake, Vice-Chair  
Glenn Morris  
Dave Meldrum  
Thomas Schulz

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Wylencia Monroe, A.A.G. (via video-conference)  
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist  
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor

**Mr. Sanford established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.**

**AGENDA:**

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda with late agenda items added. None opposed, motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Ms. Morris moved, Ms. Drake seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the following meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

- September 22, 2010

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that he had received the Memo of Authority from Ms. Wylencia Monroe, AAG for the following rules.
  - a. Rule 420-1-.01 Organization of the Board. Amended.
  - b. Rule 420-2-.01 Renewal. Amended
  - c. Rule 420-5-.02 Reinstatement of an Expired or Lapsed License (Proposed new rule)
  - d. Rule 420-9-.01 Continuing Education for Licensure Renewals. Amended.

The Notice of Public Hearing and Synopsis and Differences of the proposed rule amendments for rules 420-1-.01, 420-2-.01 and 420-9-.01 will be prepared and posted for the required thirty day (minimum); Rule 420-5-.02 will be tabled for further discussion.

2. Mr. Zimmerman discussed the upcoming 2011 renewal period with the Board. During the current renewal cycle, the licensure status will remain "active" until the expiration date of March 31, 2011. There is no Lapsed-Late Renewal period so any license not renewed by the expiration date will lapse in accordance with the law. Each licensee must complete the Certification of Obtaining Required Continuing Education Hours affidavit and submit for Board review. The required form can be downloaded directly from the Board's website [www.sos.ga.gov/plb/opticians](http://www.sos.ga.gov/plb/opticians).

**Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

### **STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT:**

**Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to suspend the following license for failure to repay a student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Division Director of a “Notice of Release” from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Angela L. King, LDOA000025
- Morgan L. Smith, LDOA000375

**Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C. G. A. 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), 43-1-2(k) (3) (4) , 43-1-2(k) (4) and 50-14-4(b) to deliberate on Applications, receive the Attorney General and Enforcement reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Sanford, Drake, Meldrum, Schulz and Morris.**

### **APPLICATIONS:**

**Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant applying for licensure by Education. None opposed, motion carried.**

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| 1. Lee, Gyuro | Approved for licensure |
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**Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant registering as an Apprentice. None opposed, motion carried.**

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| 1. Soper, Jacob | Registered as apprentice |
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**Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant applying for licensure by Reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.**

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| 1. Harrell, Paula | Approved for licensure |
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**Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant requesting review of documentation needed for Examination request. None opposed, motion carried.**

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| 1. T.D. | Request denied; applicant must reapply for licensure.<br>Veteran’s points will be applied at that time. |
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### **RATIFY LIST:**

**Ms. Drake moved Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the list of approved applicants for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements. None opposed, motion carried.**

#### **Apprentice Opticians**

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
OPTA000769	Carrillo Acosta, Guadalupe Lucero	9/23/2010
OPTA000770	Castellon, Kerry Osiris	9/23/2010
OPTA000771	Greenberger, Marina G	9/23/2010
OPTA000772	Beal, Denine Ronda	10/5/2010
OPTA000773	Baldwin, Jan W	10/5/2010
OPTA000774	LaPan, Miriam Lorena	10/5/2010

OPTA000775	Lott, Shannon Victoria	10/21/2010
OPTA000776	Dorminey, Ashlie Dawn	10/22/2010
OPTA000777	Lee, Linda Marlene	11/8/2010
OPTA000778	Navas, Katia M	11/8/2010
OPTA000779	Soto, Fallon Christie	11/8/2010
OPTA000780	Crawford, Gina Renae	11/8/2010
OPTA000781	Hernandez, Annette Ingrid	11/8/2010
OPTA000782	Kline, Deborah Marie	11/8/2010

#### **Dispensing Opticians**

<b>License No.</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>
LDO002413	Sorrow, David Nathaniel, Jr.	9/22/2010
LDO002414	Whatley, Caleb Braxton	9/22/2010
LDO002415	Kelly-Saxton, Teresa	10/6/2010
LDO002416	Keisel, Karl Fredrick	10/14/2010
LDO002417	Morales, Eduardo Antonio	11/9/2010

#### **Dispensing Optician Reinstatements**

<b>License No.</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>Date Reinstated</b>
LDO002099	Snowden, Anastasia	10/13/2010
LDO001315	Marsh, John	10/14/2010

#### **COGNIZANT/ENFORCEMENT:**

Ms. Diane Drake provided the Board with an updated status on all open complaint cases.

#### **Complaint Cases Closed:**

- DISP110001-Refer to the Optometry Board. Case closed.
- DISP110004- Case closed; no additional actions required.
- DISP110005-Refer to the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office. Close case.
- DISP0900013- Case closed; no additional actions required.
- DISP090003- **Mr. Schulz moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed voluntary Cease and Desist order. Case closed.**

**Mr. Schulz moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Cognizant/Enforcement report as presented by Ms. Drake. None opposed, motion carried.**

#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:**

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules.

**Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

1. The Board was informally notified that effective July 2011, DeKalb Technical College would no longer offer their optician program. The Board has concerns with the college closing its

opticianry program without any formal notification to the Board and/or general public. The Board feels that the general public's safety will be affected over the loss of the program and that there is an effective need to have a program of this specialty instituted in the Atlanta area. The Board would like the following concerns addressed by DeKalb Technical College.

- a. What prompted the college to close the program?
- b. Why was a formal notification not sent to the Board?
- c. What notification was sent to its current students, as well as, the general public?
- d. How will the current students enrolled in the program be affected?

**Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to request a written response from DeKalb Technical College as to why the school has elected to close the program, and why a formal notification has not forwarded to the Board. None opposed, motion carried.**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

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Steve Sanford, Chair

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Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

**DATE SIGNED AND APPROVED: January 19, 2011**